

Interprofessional Teamwork in Underserved Patient Care

Purpose

This service-learning course consists of service at the Columbus Free Clinic (CFC) and a two-hour, bimonthly seminar. The course builds upon students' previous knowledge and experiences to expand understanding of interprofessional (IP) teams and the provision of care to culturally diverse, uninsured, underinsured, and underserved populations.

Throughout the seminar, students discuss issues related to IP practice and serving indigent patient populations. The knowledge and understanding gained from workshops is directly applied to the CFC service component.

Impact

Utilizing Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) competencies, students in this course discuss application of principles from successful, collaborative IP teams, increasing their understanding and enhancing patient care at CFC.

The course emphasizes the importance of critical self-reflection to develop

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Community Partners Involved

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reflective practitioners. This practice enables students to learn from their experiences, develop critical thinking skills, enhance professionalism, and improve communication.

While most health professional students learn cultural competency, health literacy, and other issues related to underserved patient populations, this course allows students to apply their knowledge/skills to direct patient-care.



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